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SUBJ : PANAF BUSINESS CENTER

1. DARWIN BOLDEN PRESIDENT OF PAN AFRICAN BUSINESS CENTER HAS WRITTEN TO MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVITING MEDR TO PARTICIPATE IN AND PRESENT TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROPOSALS TO PANAF WORKSHOP SCHEDULED MAY 28-29 FOR NEW YORK.

2. IN RESPONSE MEDR INQUIRY WE HAVE PASSED ALONG INFORMATION THAT OUR FILES CONTAIN ABOUT ANAF BUT OUR INFO ABOUT MAY WORKSHOP LIMITED TO USIS ARTICLE BY YAOUNDE SULLIVAN AND WIRELESS FILE ITEM.

3. THESE USISPS INDICATE WORKSHOP WILLFOCUS ON 5 PRODUCT AREAS:MONEY AND BANKING; CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS; FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING; ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT; CONSTRUCTION. THEY ALSO STATE THAT NOVEMBER WORKSHOP IN ATLANTA GENERATED DOLS50 ILLION IN BUSINESS AND THAT BOLDEN EXPECTS 31 COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK WORKSHOP. SENATORS BROOKE AND BUCKLEY LISTED AS HONORARY CO-CHAIRMEN OF NEW YORK EVENT, AND PETER PETERSON AND SENATOR JACKSON AS KEYNOTE AND PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS. NIGERIA COMMISSIONER FOR INDUSTRIES WUSHISHI ALSO SHOWN AS SPEAKER. IN HIS LETTER TO MEDR BOLDEN SAID INVITATIONS HAD GONE TO 5500 U.S. COMPANIES.

4. FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MEDR AND WUSHISHI'S OFFICE (WHICH HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WORKSHOP) APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY
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CONFIRMING SIZE AND SCOPE OF NEW YORK WORKSHOP; WITH

INDICATION PROBABLE ATTENDANCE BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND U.S.
BUSINSS; NAMES OF SPONSORS, SPEAKERS, AND PROMINENT U.S.
FIRMS LIKELY TO TAKE PART; EXTENT OF USG ENGAGEMENT. WOULD
ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE INDICATION OF ATTENDANCE AND
RESULTS ATLANTA WORKSHOP.
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